

UNTETHERED TRAILER TRACKING SYSTEM PILOT TEST

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FMCSA's Security Role

- DOT has a supporting role with DHS to improve the secure transportation of hazardous materials
- FMCSA Technology Initiatives
 - ◆ Hazardous Materials Field Operational Test
 - ◆ **Untethered Trailer Tracking System Pilot Test**
 - ◆ Expanded Satellite Communications Pilot Test
 - ◆ Truck Disabling Technology Study

Trailer Vulnerabilities to Theft

■ Unattended Trailers

- ◆ Trailer Stockpiling
- ◆ Lengthy yard checks
- ◆ Erroneous pickups
- ◆ Increased opportunities for theft

■ Lack of in-transit visibility

- ◆ Subcontracting to trucking companies to haul certain loads, losing trailer visibility at the switch
- ◆ Delays at shippers when trailers are empty

Untethered Trailer Tracking System Project Purpose

“...leverage existing technology and develop an untethered trailer tracking and control system that will provide real-time trailer identification, location, geo-fencing, unscheduled movement notification, door sensors, and alarms.”

— Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2003



Project Partners

■ Industry Expert Panel

- ◆ Landstar
- ◆ JB Hunt
- ◆ Geologic Solutions
- ◆ Skybitz

■ Federal Agency Review Team

- ◆ TSA
- ◆ DOD
- ◆ MARAD
- ◆ FHWA
- ◆ PHMSA



Pilot Test Overview

■ 3-month pilot test

■ 3 Scenarios:

- ◆ Truckload Dry Van
- ◆ High Value
- ◆ Truckload Explosives

■ 75 Trailers



Baseline Typical Operations

■ Lengthy time of unknown status

- ◆ Untethered: 2-7 days where its status was unknown to all carriers
- ◆ Cargo In transit: 1-2 days where the visibility into cargo status was limited or non-existent
- ◆ Not at company locations: Trailer locations or status related to cargo unknown to one carrier

■ Site operations

- ◆ 5-6 hours spent searching for one particular trailer
- ◆ 3-10 days before trailers were picked up
- ◆ Up to 25 trailers sitting idle and unavailable to the carrier

Trailer Mobile Communications and Sensors



■ Terrestrial UTT System

- ◆ GPS and cellular communications antennas
- ◆ Rechargeable battery

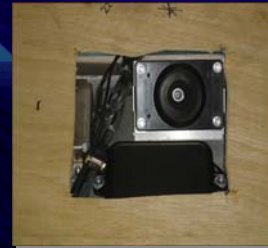
■ Ultrasonic Cargo Sensor

- ◆ Detects cargo status change from empty to full and full to empty



■ Magnetic Door Sensor

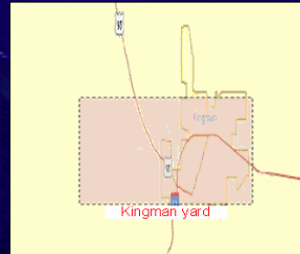
- ◆ Monitors when a trailer door is opened or closed



Geo-fencing and Trailer Connection Status

■ Geo-fencing

- ◆ Notification of a trailer moving outside of its geo fence
- ◆ Capability to increase the position polling rate after geofence violation



■ Trailer connection and disconnection status

Security Benefits

■ Theft reduction

- ◆ Notifications of door opening and cargo status changes
- ◆ Ability to track and recover stolen trailers

■ Improved unauthorized trailer movement detection

- ◆ Information about unauthorized disconnections or connections
- ◆ Visibility into trailer locations

Operational Efficiency Benefits

- Improved asset management
 - ◆ Ability to find trailers and expedite deliveries through knowledge of trailer arrivals, unloading, and loading
 - ◆ Collection of detention charges with system data
 - ◆ Enhanced visibility of trailers and their cargo
 - ◆ Less time needed to rotate trailers for deliveries, which prevents the use of trailers as storage
 - ◆ Reduction of trailer to tractor ratios

New Systems Today

- Improved mapping (Google)
- Custom polygonal landmarks
- New trailer applications (flatbed, tanker, reefer, container)
- Solar charging system
- Smart sensor departure and arrival data
- Idle time reports
- Custom reporting

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About Celadon



- Trucking Operations:
 - 2,900 tractors (including 350 Canadian, 250 Mexican)
 - 8,100 trailers
- 950 Miles Average Length of Haul
- 52% Domestic/U.S.
- 48% Crosses Mexican or Canadian border
- Strong Driver Base
- Safety Focus
- Technology Focus
- Non-Asset Based Businesses



Trailer Tracking Objectives



- Decrease in Trailer Idle Time Costs
- Decrease in Fuel Costs Searching for Trailers
- Increase in Trailer Detention Billing
- Improve Truck Productivity
- Increase Trailer and Cargo Security



Current Deployment



- Installed on 3,000+ units
- All units deployed with cargo sensor
- Full integration with operational system



Exception Based Integration



- Trailer Connect
- Trailer Disconnect
- Cargo Loaded
- Cargo Empty
- Geo-Fence
- Status Report (Pings)
- Low Battery
- Battery Replacement



Exception Based Alerts



- Connect
 - Tractor not assigned to trailer that it is being connected to
- Disconnect
 - Tractor disconnecting at an unauthorized location
 - Trailer disconnected at a customer location not identified as a drop location



Exception Based Alerts



- Loaded
 - Trailer loaded detected but order is not generated in system
- Empty
 - Tractor attached to trailer specified as a drop location
- Geofence
 - Trailer being pulled by non-Celadon equipment
 - Trailer departing geo-fence is not assigned on an order



Trailer Tracking Benefits



- Improved business operations and customer service
- Reduced wasted fuel
- Improved driver and tractor productivity
- Enhanced detention billing
- Increased trailer and cargo security
- Increased visibility of freight during third-party moves
- Optimized trailer inventory pools and reduced yard checks
- Provides mechanism for auto arrive and depart



Implementation Hurdles



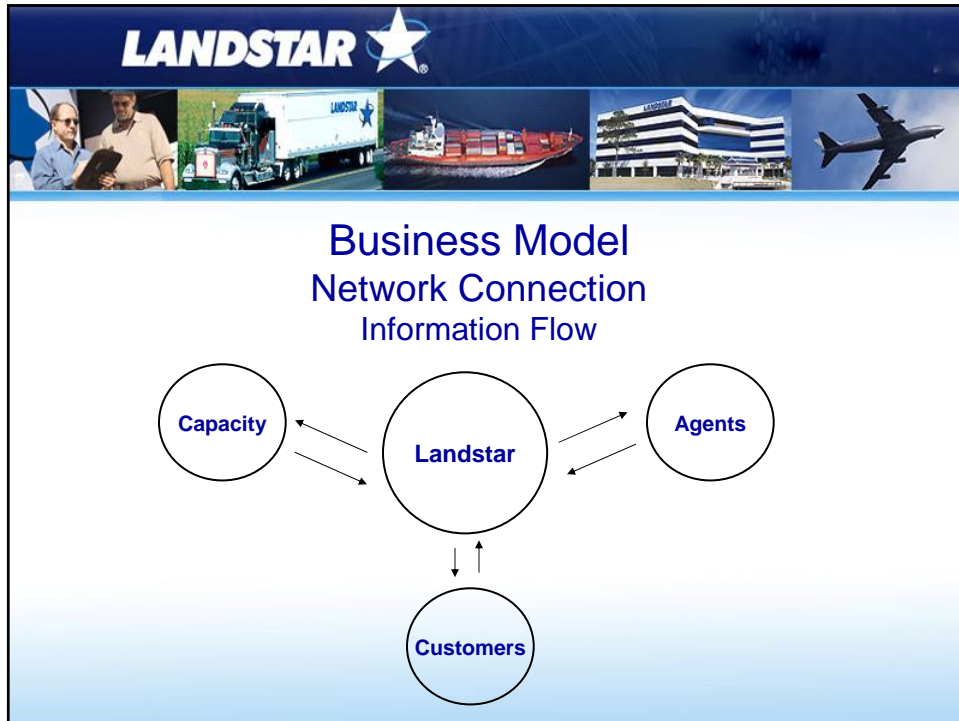
- In order to recognize a connect or disconnect, the tractor must have a special in-line fuse.
- Coordination of equipment installations
- Quality control and diagnostic checks prior to trailer being released to the fleet
- Training of maintenance staff to troubleshoot potential hardware issues
- Systems integration
- Training of Operations staff in handling alert events

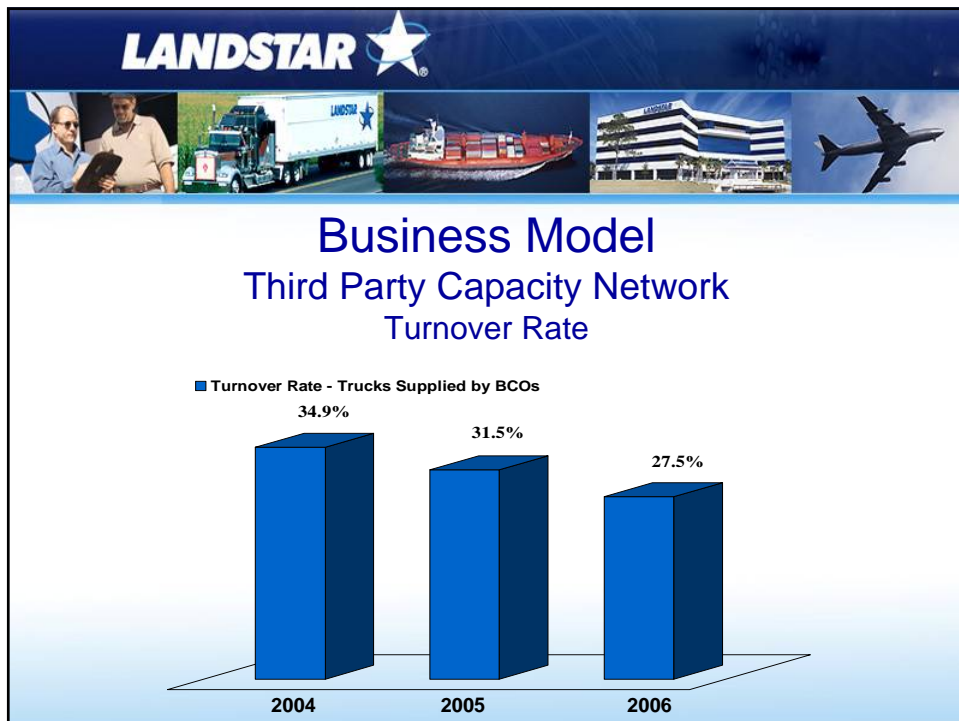
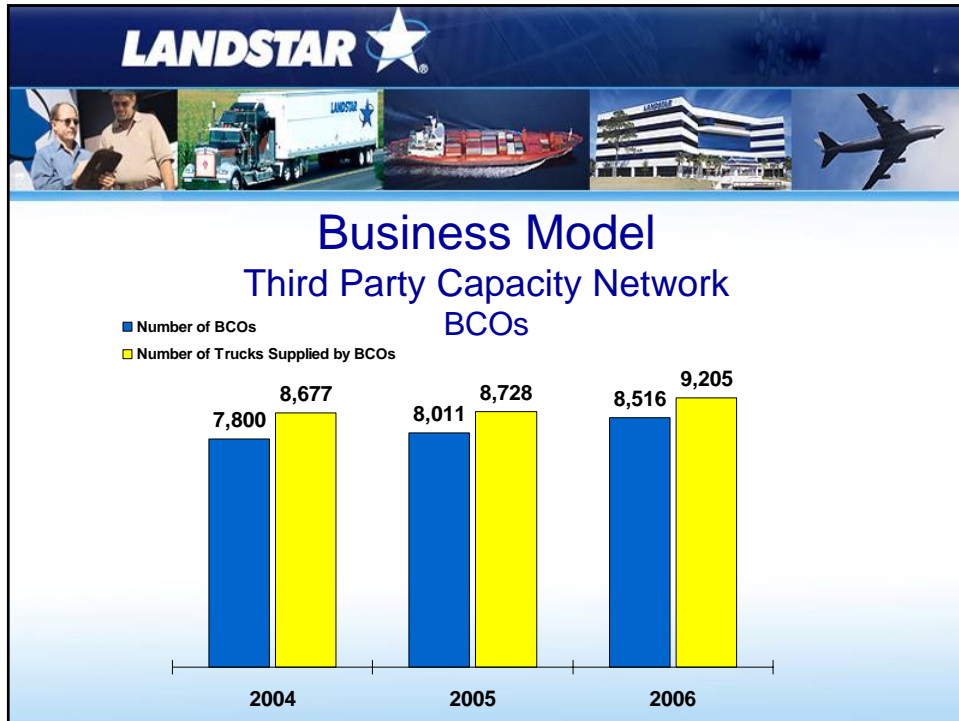


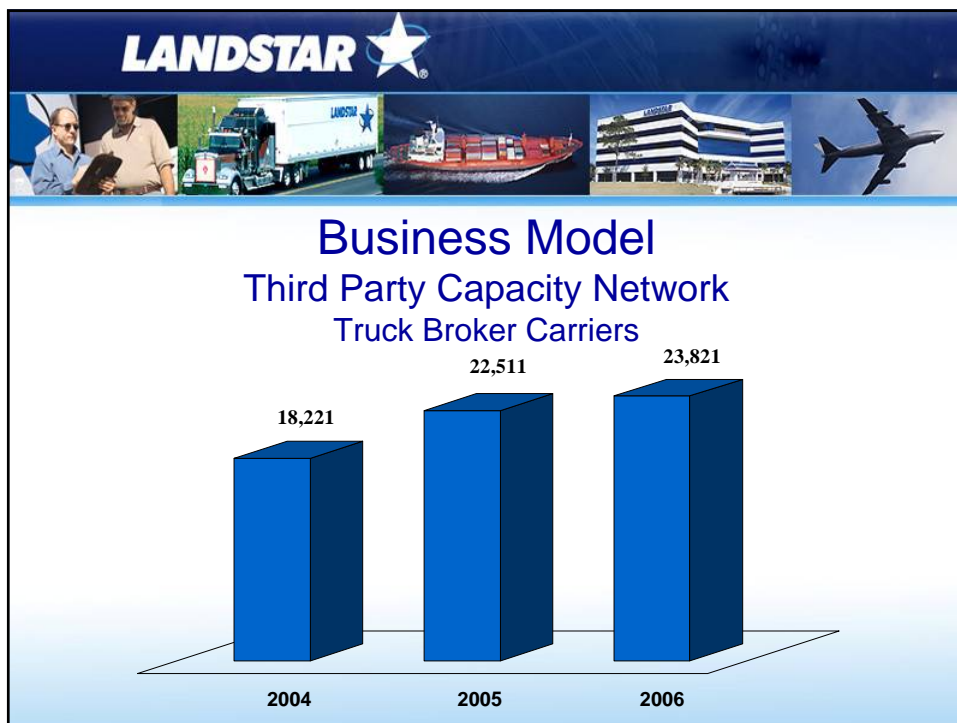
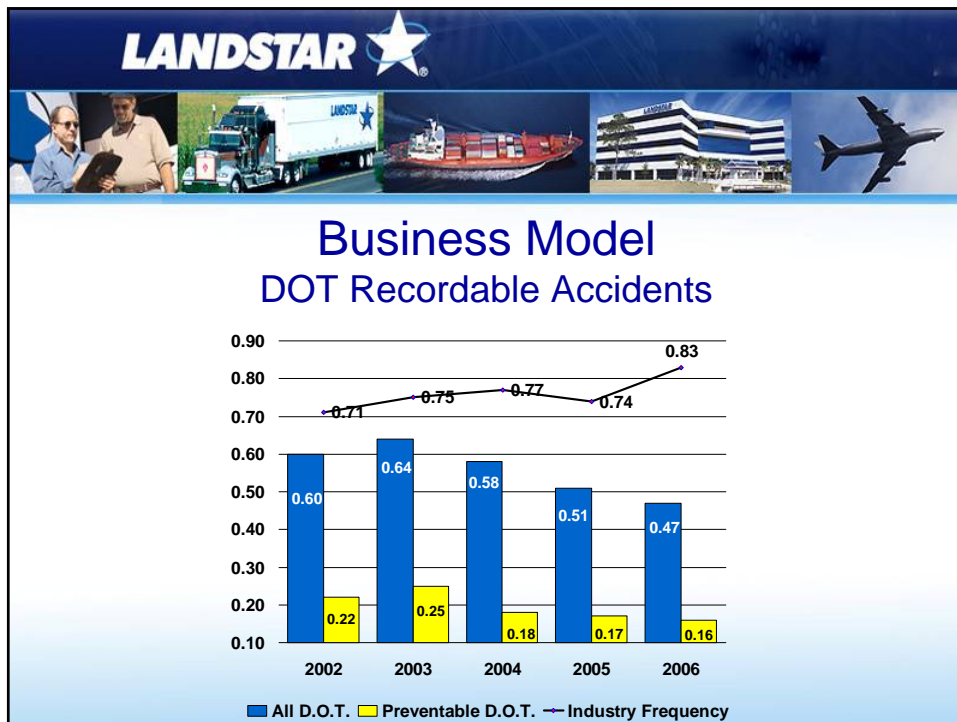
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Model Definition

Landstar is a non-asset based provider of transportation capacity delivering safe, specialized transportation services to a broad range of customers utilizing a network of agents, third party capacity owners and employees.










Landstar's Search for a Tracking System

- Landstar started looking at tracking systems in 1997:
 - Landstar's purpose of finding a tracking system was to better track and control our assets
 - Landstar researched the advantages and disadvantages of a tethered and an untethered system
 - Landstar weighed the advantages and disadvantages of GPS versus Cellular
 - Landstar leased 300 Xtra-leases trailers equipped with a tethered Terrion tracking system as a test subject



Landstar's Search for a Tracking System

- Results of Landstar's Research:
 - In 2002, Landstar decided at that time that an untethered tracking system would fit our needs best. There were several reasons:
 - Make up truck fleet
 - Most model year tractors built around 1997 or before did not have constant power to the center pin on the seven way, which is necessary to recharge a tethered units battery.
 - At least half the fleet was to be retrofitted and we needed an application the could be installed easily on a loaded trailer.
 - Ease of install
 - Small and Covert
 - Preferred a device that limited warranty issues by manufactures such as penetrating the skin of the trailer with a tethered systems antenna.
 - Data from device must be able to be integrated into Landstar's system.
 - Landstar needed an upgradeable system which can change with our business environment



Benefits of Utilizing a Tracking System

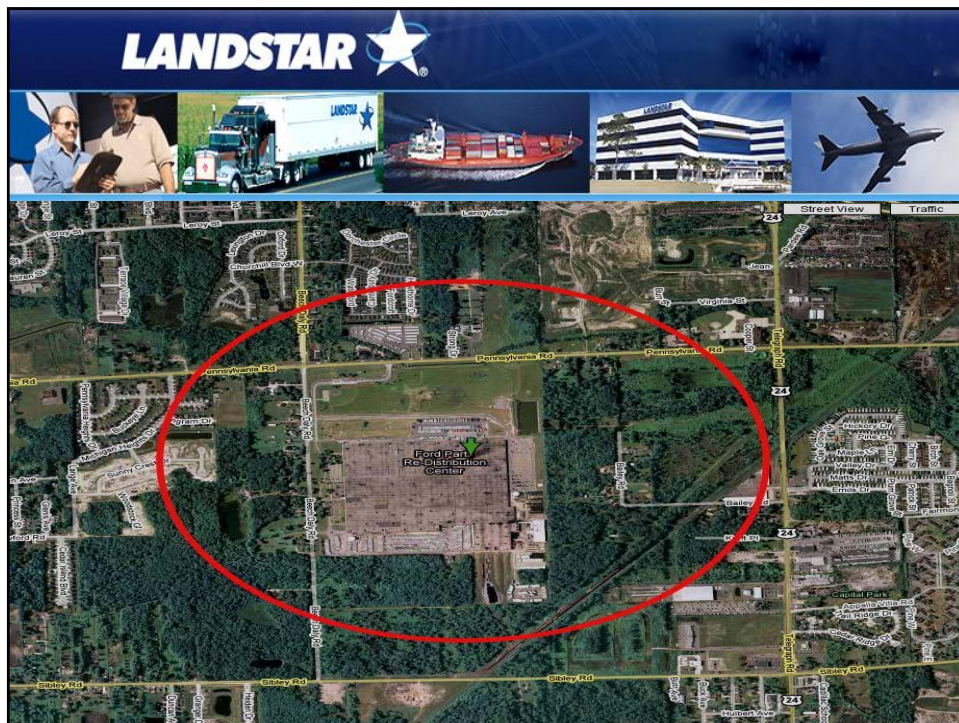
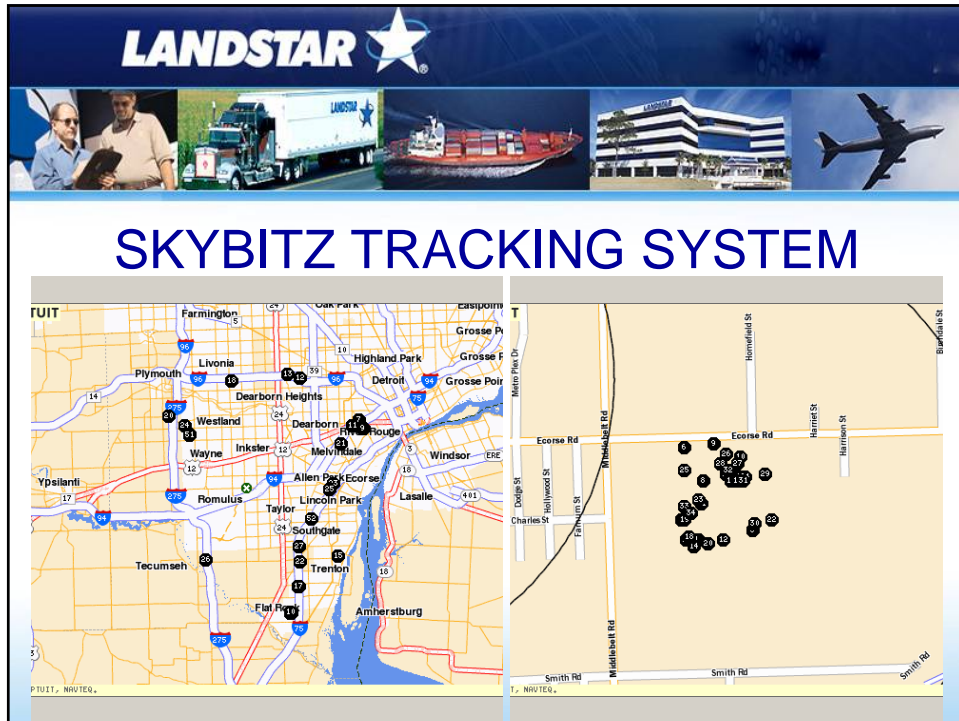
- Increased revenue and loads per trailer due to improved utilization of equipment
- Allows Landstar to service their customers in an efficient manner
- Helps improve safety and compliance
- Assists in retention efforts with Business Capacity Owners
- Able to manage maintenance schedules of equipment
- Assists in theft prevention and recovery of lost or stolen equipment
- Skybitz System allows Landstar agents to utilize Brokerage Carrier Partners



Skybitz: Future Benefits

- Track and Trace; shows the tractor id when it is hooked and when it unhooks from a trailer
- Smart sensor tracking
- Door sensors; it allows Landstar to see when the trailer doors are opened or closed
- The use of cargo sensors
- Skybitz is able to be upgraded to help meet our changing business environment
- Customers will have the ability to track their shipments on their schedule







Presentation Summary

- Helps improve safety and compliance
- Helps service our customers more efficiently
- Improves utilization of Landstar equipment
- Assists in the recovery of missing or stolen trailers
- Has allowed Landstar to utilize our Brokerage Capacity Partners
- Skybitz is a covert system
- Skybitz is an upgradeable system
- Has allowed Landstar to increase the loads per trailer, which has increase revenue through better utilization
- Manage maintenance repairs and inspection schedules more efficiently



the road to success

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